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Dear Class of 2021 and Families,

Your senior year is certainly beginning like no other class before you, and likely like no other class to ever follow you! In just the last two months alone, there have already been quite a few milestone days. August 3rd, of course, was the date that should have been your first day of senior year, but your summer was stretched a little longer so that August 17th became the official start to your graduation countdown! And now this senior class, the Class of 2021, gets another round of “first days.” As you approach the eve of your second 1st day of your senior year, I am conscious of the emotion and gravity that must be on your mind. Whether you are about to return to campus for the first time in six months or you are about to continue with an enhanced version of remote learning from home, you are ready, and we are ready to make this the most memorable year for you!

It has now been 198 days since the last time you were in classes on your high school campus. It has been 198 days since you have walked the hallways and seen teachers and counselors and principals and school administrators. It has been 198 days since you walked out that door of your high school not realizing you should have looked back a second longer to say good-bye. But the 198 days is a good reminder how important our school community is and how much we value the bonds that are created through high school. So whether you are returning to your school campus this week, in the coming weeks, sometime in future months, or maybe not until you are a graduate, I hope that you look around, take it all in, realize how many people love and respect and care about you, and cherish each moment.

While it is clear that this year will require agility, and some patience, one certain thing about senior year is that it always goes fast. It is hard to believe that we are already heading into October and nearing the end of the first grading period. It is hard to believe that you have been reconnected to classmates, teachers, and your academics for nearly six weeks now. And whether it has been more challenging or less challenging, or if it has been frustrating or joyous, I am hopeful that you are cherishing the moments. Take it all in. You are our first class to ever get to celebrate a second round of “first days,” and as you see that graduation countdown of 239 more days, know that there will be many more chances to celebrate you for all the right reasons.

Sincerely,

Mary Elizabeth Davis